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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 2, 13, and 23-53 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-22 are pending.

- 2. The objections to claims 12, 13, 17, and 21 are WITHDRAWN in view of the Amendment.
- 3. Applicant's arguments, see pp. 6-7, filed 26 October 2007, with respect to the rejection of claims 1, 3-12, and 14-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 3-12, and 14-22 has been withdrawn.
- 4. Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-22 are allowed.
- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NAVIN NATNITHITHADHA whose telephone number is (571)272-4732. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 am 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II can be reached on (571) 272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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